



# IN OUR OWN WORDS: NAVIGATING IDENTITY, SAFETY, AND JOY IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

**Join us for an honest, human-centered conversation that moves beyond the headlines.**

While the current landscape for the LGBTQ+ community is often defined by statistics and political noise, "In Our Own Words" centers on the lived realities of those at the heart of the community. We are bringing together a diverse panel of speakers—including vibrant youth voices—to share candid, authentic stories about what it means to live, advocate, and thrive in today's world.

**Why Join Us?** This session is designed to offer a multifaceted look at the LGBTQ+ experience, exploring both the weight of our current challenges and the resilience of our community. We will hold space for: The Realities of Intersectionality, Safety & Advocacy, The Power of Queer Joy, and Future-Building.

Whether you are a member of the community or an ally looking to better support those around you, this is an opportunity to listen, learn, and connect. Come prepared for a nuanced, courageous, and uplifting discussion. Join us to help shape a more supportive and inclusive future for everyone.



**Monday, June 15**



**1:00-2:30pm**



**Zoom**

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## Moderator



**Marlene Pray, MEd, PhD Candidate**  
**Planned Parenthood Keystone**

- **Director/Founder, The Rainbow Room**
- **Regional Coordinator for LGBTQ+ Youth Education**

Marlene Pray, M.Ed. (she/her) is an Education and Training Consultant and Adjunct Professor with over 30 years of professional, community, non-profit management, and board leadership in community organizing, sexuality education, environmental education, social justice, and human rights. She has led hundreds of workshops and professional trainings locally, nationally, and internationally on sexuality education, anti-racism, youth empowerment/engagement, rites of passage, equity, inclusion, LGBTQ+ rights, and social justice.

**Panelists: Info coming soon!**